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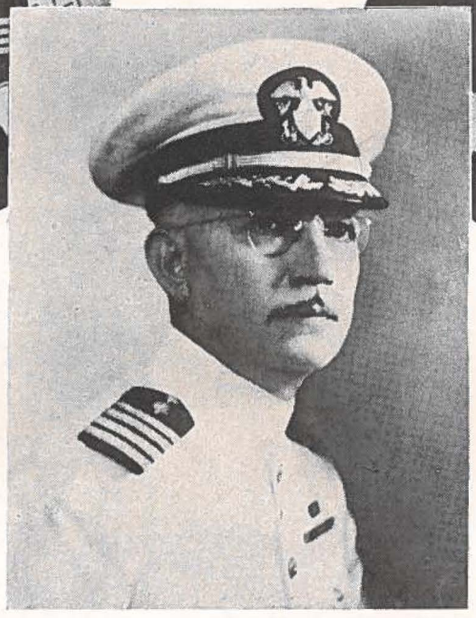

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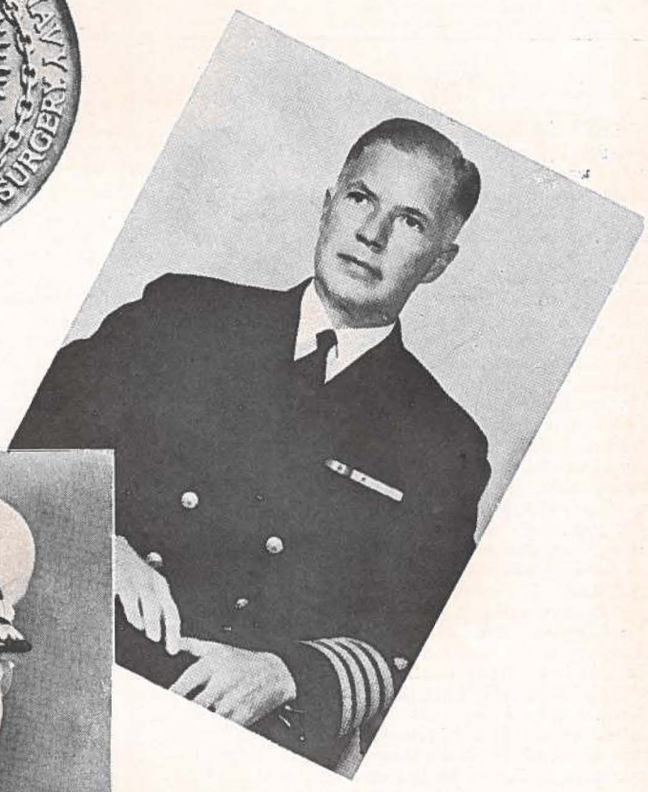

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The memory of the United States Naval Medical Officers, Nurses, Hospital Corpsmen and Waves who have lost their lives in the service of their country.

"Friends depart and memory takes them
To her caverns pure and deep."

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The Skipper's Message

The U. S. Naval Hospital of Long Beach was commissioned on December 15, 1942, as a 400-bed hospital. Today it has reached the capacity of 3,400 patients with a monthly turnover of 96 per cent. This institution that rendered service during the war will continue to serve the fleet, the veterans and dependents of servicemen in time of peace. This general hospital, with a Tumor Center for the Navy in the Pacific area, will be a training center in various specialties for young Naval Medical Officers. The road has been charted, the task is difficult, important and sacred, and it can be answered by intelligent hard work, and devotion to duty. The medical worker that labors to save life, alleviate pain, comfort the sick and restore to normal impaired function, serves his fellowmen in the most ancient and noble of professions. Its best work is not performed on the stage in brilliant lights, at the head of a parade or by eloquent speeches, but in the sick bay of a fighting ship, on the field of battle with our wounded Marines, in field hospitals and base hospitals, where definitive treatment and reconstructive surgery is performed. It is God-like to make the lame walk and the blind see. We must be more than able professional men and women. We must be understanding, sympathetic and comforting to those we are entrusted to restore to health, whether the disability is physical or mental. The atomic bomb is a great invention, but recent medical advances that reduced the mortality among the wounded to less than 2 per cent is greater.

The Hospital Corpsmen of the United States Navy are intelligent, resourceful, and courageous. With the Medical Officers they followed our armed forces to the end of the earth—from the frigid zones of the North to the jungles of the South Pacific. They followed on foot, in jeeps, in planes, on ships, in ambulances and in boats storming enemy beaches. Their record is brilliant with achievement. The man that follows unarmed to the most difficult and dangerous tasks of modern warfare is a very important and essential part of the Medical Department of the Navy. To the Waves of the Medical Department was assigned the Corpsmen's task, to make the Corpsmen available for foreign duty. The Waves' task was well done and their contribution in restoring the ill and injured to health has been considerable. Our Nurses not only rendered the valuable service in training our Corpsmen and Waves, but followed the armed forces to advance bases of fleet hospitals and hospital ships. The Nurse of today is the right hand of the administrator and surgeon alike.

May we, the living members of the Medical Department, dedicate ourselves to the care of the ill and injured and to the noblest of professions—a profession whose sole purpose is service to mankind.

C. M. SHAAR,
Captain, (MC), USN,
Medical Officer in Command.

Christmas Schedule Of Events

18 December — Carollers tour grounds at 1900.

20 December—USO Show in Auditorium—1915.

21 December—Patients' Dance—2000.

22 December—Children's Christmas Party—Auditorium—1430.

23 December—Christmas services Protestant chapel—1000.

Christmas musicale—Auditorium—1445.

Carollers—serenading patients.

24 December—Open House—Patients — Auditorium — 1915; Ward Open House—1915.

25 December — Distribution of gifts beginning at 0800; Ward Parties—1400.

25 December—Christmas services—Catholic, High Mass, 0630; Low Mass immediately following; regular Mass, 0845.

Insurance Popular

(SEA).—Most naval personne plan to retain their National Service Life Insurance according to a poll of 4,000 dischargees conducted at two separation centers. At one center 82.58 per cent declared their intention to keep the insurance, as did 78.1 per cent at the other.

"To every man there openeth
A way, ways and a way.
The high soul takes the high road,
And the low soul gropes the low
And in between on the misty flats
The rest go to and fro."
—John Oxenham.

SEC. OF NAVY OPPOSES ARMY-NAVY MERGER

By Ships' Editorial Association

Opposing merger of the War and Navy Departments, Secretary Forrestal recommended instead that all national security activities, including diplomatic and scientific, be coordinated through creation of a National Security Council.

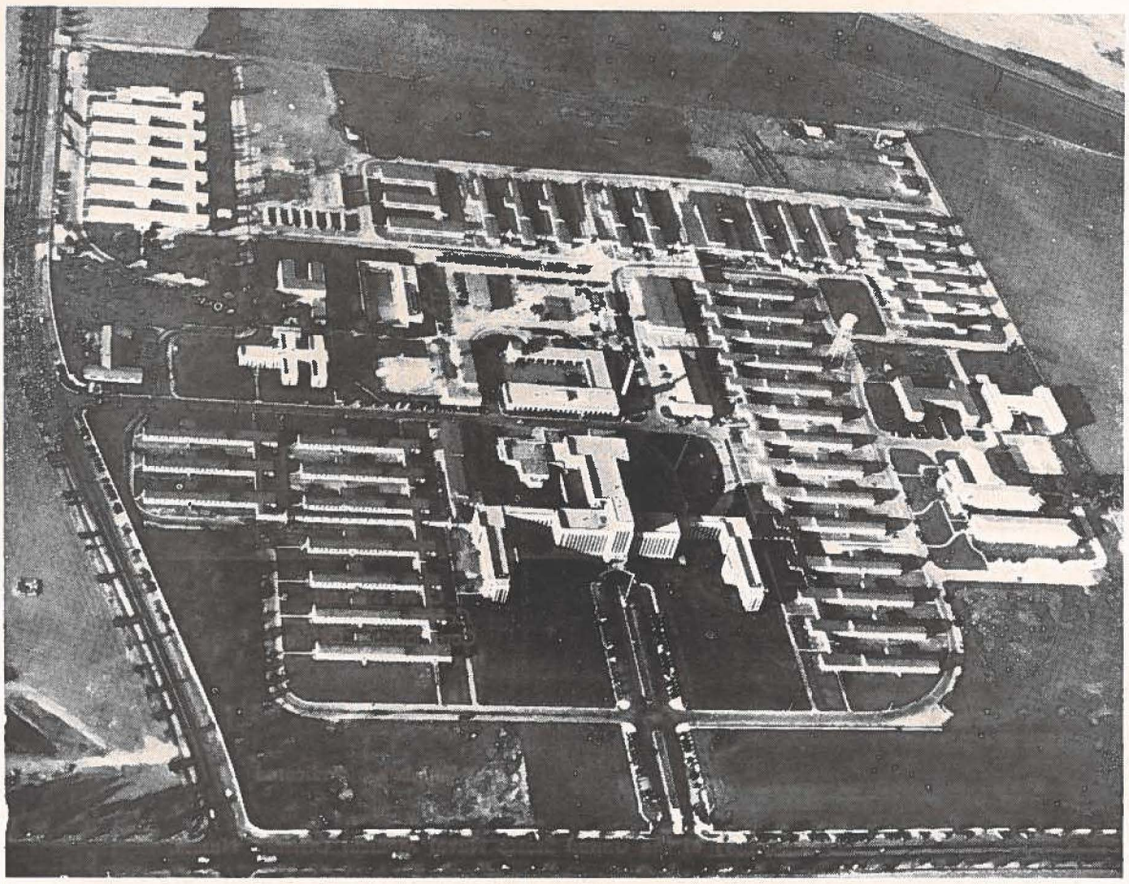
This council would have the President as ex officio chairman. Members would be the secretaries of State, War and Navy and the head of a new agency which Secretary Forrestal proposed to set up to handle questions of domestic machinery and planning.

The merger bill, he told Congress, "is unsound because it concentrates power in the hands of one Secretary beyond the capacity of any one man to use that power." Unification of command in the field is a different matter, he added, and has "proved itself beyond question."

Questioning claims that economy and efficiency would be increased by departmental merger, he declared that Army, Navy and Air Force procurement, if put under one head, "cannot possibly work, except by the immediate splitting and resplitting of functions."

Fleet Admiral King later warned Congress that to alter the two-secretary system would remove "one of the greatest elements of our national strength."

Joining in the opposition, Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, emphasized that the Army and Navy "each must have its own service elements geared to its own particular needs."



A PANORAMA OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The administration building in the foreground connects with six permanent wards and 38 temporary wings housing over 3000 patients. The Nurses' and Waves' Quarters are located in the center right, dependents' unit in the upper left hand corner, tennis courts, corps' quarters and swimming pool at center left, plus supplemental buildings throughout the compound.

Narrative History Of USNH-Long Beach

The medical center as it stands in its pretentious state on the corner of Seventh Street and Bellflower Blvd., has served as a tower of mercy to the thousands of Naval subjects admitted during the past three years.

The first concrete of the Long Beach Naval Hospital was poured on 6 December 1941. It was on 15 December, 1942, that the permanent portion of the hospital, consisting of the Administration Building, the B and C wards, and the Hospital Corps Quarters and Nurses Quarters were officially placed in commission.

The original hospital had a bed capacity of 400. It was readily apparent that the limited space would not adequately care for the sick and injured from numerous Naval activities which were established in this area as a result of the war. Therefore, construction was commenced on 24 temporary wards, completed in 1942. A year later further expansion of 14 wards brought the hospital to its present capacity of approximately 3400 beds.

The Surgeon General made available 100 beds for the hospitalization of Veterans Administration patients, increasing this number to 150 in October, 1944.

To meet the recreational needs of the ever increasing patient and staff personnel, a modern 50'x164' swimming pool was designed. In December, 1944, the pool was initiated by aquatic enthusiasts, and has remained a popular activity throughout this past year.

Originally the cases received at this hospital were primarily from the numerous Naval and Marine Corps activities which were established in the Long Beach, San Pedro and Los Angeles area. As the war progressed, large numbers of cases evacuated from overseas were admitted here.

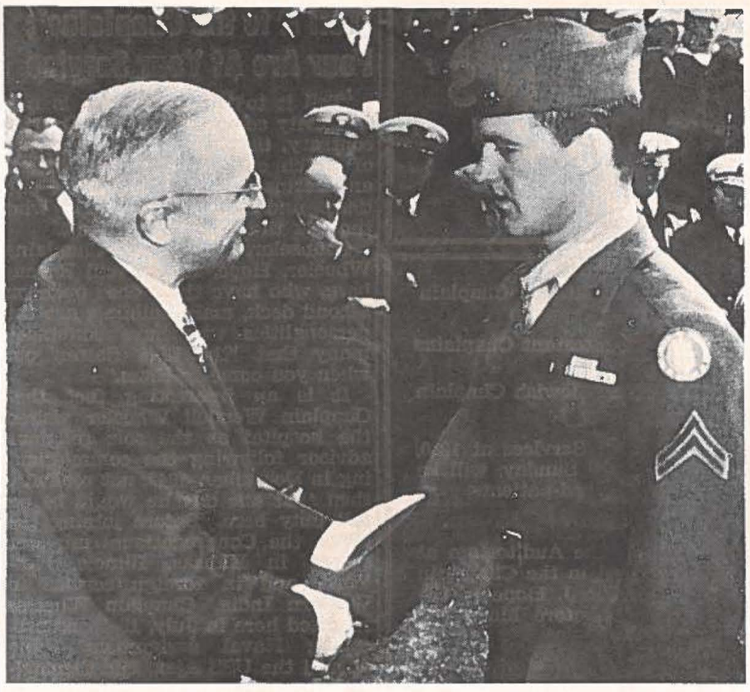
In March, 1945, the U. S. Naval Hospital was officially designated as the Tumor Center for all Naval cases occurring on the West Coast and Pacific Area. The facilities for treating tumor cases are a 100, 200 and 400 KV X-ray machine. On 15 August, 1945, 1600 milligrams of radium was obtained which greatly added to the already excellent facilities. Subsequently the Secretary of the Navy approved a special project which consists of a new building adjacent to the Tumor ward for the housing of necessary equipment.

An additional medical storehouse, annex to the Nurses Quarters, supplemental housing space to the Hospital Corps Quarters, a Rehabilitation Center, and a new barracks for enlisted Waves were additional facilities occupied in July of 1945.

At approximately the same time a commodious Dependents' Unit in which to hospitalize acute medical and surgical cases among dependents was placed in commission.

Services in the hospital include Internal Medicine, Orthopedic, General Surgery, Neuropsychiatric, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Eye-Ear-Nose and Throat, Dermatology, Rehabilitation, Welfare and Recreation, and supplemental departments.

The most unhappy of all men is he who believes himself to be so. —Hume.



President Truman's congratulations accompany the Congressional Medal of Honor, bestowed upon Corporal Richard E. Bush, patient on C-2.

Jose Iturbi in Third Superb Concert Here

By Phil Whitman, HA1c

For the third time in less than a year, the patients and staff of the Long Beach Naval Hospital were honored by a concert by the world famous piano-conductor, Jose Iturbi.

To a packed and overflowing auditorium, Mr. Iturbi played, among many other selections, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Chopin's "Polonaise, Debussy's "Clair De Lune," and Stravinsky's "Fire Bird Suite."

The world-renowned pianist was born in Valencia, Spain, and did not come to the United States to live until he was already famous on the European continent. In 1929 he made his debut in America at Carnegie Hall.

Mr. Iturbi has been in several famous motion pictures, the first being "As Thousands Cheer," and the most recent "A Song to Remember." His newest picture, yet to be released, is "Mexican Holiday," starring Walter Pidgeon, Ilona Massey and Jane Powell. Also featured will be the artist's two young granddaughters. The highlight of the picture will be the international favorite conducting and playing "Ave Maria."

Since last January, Jose Iturbi has played for two hundred and fifty hospitals and will shortly begin a tour of the Pacific coast. This coming summer will find him on a European tour, visiting hospitals and other allied units.

When asked about his particular musical favorites he replied that he had none—his selections depend on atmosphere, mood and the audience's reactions. Brahms he did acknowledge as a favorite composer.

Quizzed on his famous "boogie woogie" renditions, the pianist stated that in his opinion, there is no real line between popular and classical music. He gave Gershwin's Blues as an example of this. "It is after all," said Iturbi, "what the audience wants and likes that is really important."

Marine Patient Decorated With Congressional Medal of Honor by President

The Congressional Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the United States was bestowed recently upon Marine Corporal Richard E. Bush, USMCR, patient on ward C-2.

The Kentuckian was temporarily detached from the ward and journeyed to Washington, where at a White House ceremony, he, along with ten other Marines and three sailors, was decorated for deeds of extreme heroism. On the south lawn of the White House, detachments of bluejackets and leathernecks and the Navy band formed a three-quarter square. At the open end President Truman stood between the American and Presidential flags. In the presence of high civilian and military leaders, Cpl. Bush received the Congressional Medal of Honor from the President.

The ceremony was a part of the Capital's "Nimitz Day" celebration. Bush and the other decorated servicemen paraded through the Capital City and were honored guests at a ceremony at Washington Monument later.

The Citation bearing the signature of President Harry S. Truman relates Bush's bravery as he fell on a Japanese grenade to save his companions on Okinawa:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above the call of duty as a Squad Leader serving with the First Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the final assault against Mt. Yaetake on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 April 1945. Rallying his men forward with indomitable determination Corporal Bush boldly defied the slashing fury of concentrated Japanese artillery fire pouring down from the gun studded mountain fortress to lead his squad up the face of the rock precipice, sweep over the rise and drive the defending troops from their deeply entrenched position. With his unit, the first to break through to the inner defense of Mt. Yaetake, he fought relentlessly in the forefront of the action until seriously wounded and evacuated with others under protecting rocks. Although prostrate under medical treatment when a Japanese hand grenade landed in the midst of the group, Corporal Bush, alert and courageous in extremity as in battle, unhesitatingly pulled the deadly missile to himself and absorbed the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his own body, thereby saving his fellow Marines from severe injury or death despite the certain peril to his own life. By his valiant leadership and aggressive tactics in the face of savage opposition, Corporal Bush contributed materially to the success of the sustained drive toward the conquest of this fiercely defended outpost of the Japanese Empire and his constant concern for the welfare of his men, his resolute spirit of self sacrifice and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout the bitter conflict enhanced and sustained the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Corporal Bush was admitted to this hospital in September, and is recovering remarkably after suffering from shrapnel wounds in his right arm, chest, abdominal region, and left leg.

STAFF OFFICERS AND GUESTS CELEBRATED AT BUFFET SUPPER

Approximately 400 officers and their guests congregated on 11 December in the Nurses Quarters commemorating the third anniversary of the hospital.

They chose to celebrate the occasion with a buffet supper. Eclipsing all else on the menu was the birthday cake—which outlined the shape of the hospital construction complete even to wards and the laundry.

Background music was played by the station band, under the direction of Wally Moore, PhM2c.

In charge of arrangements for the gala affair was Capt. C. C. DeFord, DC, USN, Chief of Dental Services.

Waves-Corpsmen Dance An Anniversary Occasion

What promises to be a gay evening of entertainment is the Waves-Corpsmen dance scheduled for Thursday evening, 20 December. The event is in celebration of the Third Anniversary of the hospital which the Waves and corpsmen so loyally serve.

The station band under the direction of Wally Moore, PhM2c, will furnish the music as dancers crowd an artistically and cheerfully decorated auditorium.

A highlight of the evening will be the cake molded into the shape of the hospital edifice, and frosted with a bronze coating.

The smorgasbord supper will be served in the chow hall. The planned table settings in Christmas motif are appropriate since the hospital had its commissioning at this season three years ago.

CHAPLAINS' COLUMN

Vincent J. Hope, Lt. (CHC) USNR.....Catholic Chaplain

Wendell Wheeler, Lt. Comdr. (CHC) USNR
Howard M. Felton, Lt. (CHC) USNR } Protestant Chaplains

Leon Rosenberg, Lt. (CHC) USNR.....Jewish Chaplain

The Catholic Mass at 0845 and the Protestant Services at 1000, both in the auditorium of this hospital on every Sunday, will be transmitted via the radio-channel system to the bed-patients.

CATHOLIC

Masses are celebrated twice each Sunday in the Auditorium at 0645 and 0845. On week days Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Chaplain's Office at 0645. Chaplain Vincent J. Hope is the celebrant. Confessions are heard on Sundays before Mass and during the week at any time.

PROTESTANT

Protestant Services are held each Sunday in the Auditorium at 1000. One of the chaplains conducts the service and preaches the sermon. Special music of an inspiring nature is provided each Sunday.

JEWISH

Jewish Services are held each Friday afternoon at 1600 in the Chaplain's Office in Administration Bldg. The Chaplain will also be at the hospital on Thursday and Friday for personal counseling.

Everyone at the Hospital is cordially invited to attend the service of his choice and to find the inspiration that worship brings.

CHRISTMAS IN PEACETIME AGAIN

By Chaplain V. J. Hope

When you think about Christmas, various thoughts crowd into your mind, but the strongest one is a feeling of peace which comes over you like a relic of childhood days. This year it is different, because for the first time in over five years the world is supposedly at peace. Last Christmas, the one before, and one preceding that, men could only dream and long for peace. In the Ardennes Forest and in New Guinea, on battleships and in submarines, in jungle heat and Arctic cold, thoughts of Christmas were only an agonizing reminder to men of how far they were from home—how far the world was from peace.

Many a young soldier and sailor, as he lay dying in a field hospital, must have wondered if his death would make any difference—if his life, and the millions of others that were sacrificed, could bring the world closer to the peace of Christ. We fought a long bitter war and won it in the name of Christ and Christian decency. Now we have the heavy responsibility of making and preserving the peace for which so many have died.

Peace, we must remember, is not just the absence of armed conflict. It did not begin the moment after the last shot was fired. It is something for which we must work and strive endlessly. It is simply the tranquility which results from the order evident as everything fits into its rightful place. First of all there is a rightful place for glory and worship, which are not for Fuehrers, dictators and Emperors, but for God alone. If we first "give glory to God in the Highest," afterwards peace may come back to earth among men of good will.

No Room in the Inn

By Chaplain Wendell Wheeler

In the mighty Roman Empire in the days of Caesar Augustus, a baby was born in a manger. It was as unknown and unheeded by most people as the birth of a baby in Kentucky, Minnesota, or Texas, today. Certainly no one in Rome knew it, and even in that obscure but troublesome Jewish country called Palestine, which had been taken into protective custody by Rome some 60 years before, few knew or cared. In fact the baby was born in a manger, we read, because there was "no room in the inn." However, a few shepherds believed that angel voices singing of God, peace and good will had directed them there—and wise men who said they followed a star came and brought gifts.

The centuries passed and many of the things taught in word and deed by the one who grew from that baby came into common practice.

More and more wise men saw that the only hope of peace and good will in the world lay in following the Christ child. More and more common folk sought to worship him. But greed, pride, and selfishness still possessed the hearts of the multitude, and there was no room in their hearts for him. People followed gods of power and of wealth which had failed them—and could not see that just as rain and sunshine, heat, cold, air, the root of a plant, can break the hardest stone—so only by love, good will and a cooperative spirit can man rule himself and the great forces of the universe that he himself has unleashed. Still there is no room for Jesus in many hearts, and still—at Christmas time especially—he comes again into the world, to all hearts that will open to him.

'Tell It to the Chaplains'; Four Are At Your Service

"Tell it to the Chaplains" is not the levity some think it is! On the contrary, they're potent words, out of which emerge optimism, vision, and restored faith for many a patient and staff member who thought the climbing difficult.

Counselors such as Chaplains Wheeler, Hope, Felton and Rosenberg, who have their door open on second deck, main building, are the personalities who have convinced many that "the hills flatten out when you come to them."

It is an interesting fact that Chaplain Wendell Wheeler visited the hospital as the sole religious advisor following the commissioning in December, 1942, not realizing then that one day he would be on full duty here. Before joining the Navy, the Congregational minister served in Kansas, Illinois, New York, and in foreign service in Western India. Chaplain Wheeler reported here in July, 1945, his preceding Naval assignment being aboard the USS Ajax. His theological foundation was acquired at Northwestern University, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, and the University of Chicago.

Chaplain Howard M. Felton, coworker with Chaplain Wheeler, is of the Methodist denomination and had parishes in Madison, Wisconsin, and Tallahassee and Cross City, Florida, before his chaplaincy. He studied at Florida Southern College in his home town of Lakeland, and at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

In May, 1945, Chaplain Vincent J. Hope became the Roman Catholic Chaplain here, following overseas duty in New Guinea and the South Pacific. Chaplain Hope, a St. Paul citizen, attended Nazareth Hall Preparatory Seminary and St. Paul's Seminary in Minnesota.

The Jewish Chaplain for the station is Chaplain Leon Rosenberg, who conducts services on Friday. Before his commission in the Navy, he administered in Michigan, New Jersey, and as Jewish Student Advisor at the University of Pennsylvania. He has studied at the College of the City of New York, Columbia University, and the Sorbonne in Paris. He comes here from duty as Assistant Division Chaplain with the 4th Marine Division, in which capacity he served for two years.

SALTSHAKER

"I'm certainly going to miss those sailors!"

No doubt you have noticed the smiling faces and preoccupied looks of the married nurses. And no wonder—it is something, not only to look forward to being a civilian, but a brand new housewife. Of course the girls are in a dither! Cupid's darts have "scored" on a motley group: overseas veterans, regulars and "irregulars." The time in Service ranges from seventeen years to three months. One of the most interesting members of this group is Lieut. Goldia A. Merrill (NC), USN, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for over three years, her husband being a prisoner also.

The following nurses are being separated from the Service by reason of marriage: Lieuts. Merrill, Irene V. Crawford, Eleanor Montandon, Helen M. George, Barbara D. Montgomery, Dorothy Winn, all (NC) USN. Lieuts. Evelyn L. Washburn, Ella M. Wilson, Harriet L. Starr and Charlotte R. Kittrell, all (NC) USNR. Lieuts. (jg) Dolores J. Auld, Louise M. Gay, Mary L. Cox, Mary E. Linden, Juanita L. Justice, Helen E. McMullen, Anne V. Nusbaum, Vivian E. Vernon, Elizabeth Rappaport, Joyce I. Scharetg, Hilda H. Stewart, Mildred K. Ryan, (NC) USNR. Ensigns Esther A. Adams, Mary E. Brown, Lucille M. Burgess, Louise C. Demeter, Dorothy E. Donovan, Hazel Gaurnier, Pauline L. Neubach, Bernice M. Press, Wilma O. Robbins, Mary E. Russel, Charlotte C. Thorn, Dorothea Y. Gasber, (NC) USNR.

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Members of the Nurse Corps released via separation center: Lieuts. C. J. Nevius, Barbara I. Young, Marguerite McDowell, Anne E. Whalen, Anita Hardman, Esther M. Chamberlain; Lieuts. (jg) Rhea A. Jungferman, Anne Beegle, Janet J. Callaghan, Gladys Daniels, and Inez M. Carson, (NC) USNR.

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Nurses joining the staff recently are: Lt. (jg) Barbara K. Allen (NC) USNR, from USN Dispensary, Gulfport, Miss.; Lt. (jg) Irene Peloquin (NC) USNR, from USN Dispensary, Indian Head, Md.; Lt. Mary V. Parker (NC) USNR, from USNH Corps School, Farragut, Idaho; Lt. (jg) Louise J. Ruffer (NC) USNR, from USS Solace; Ens. Dorothy E. King (NC) USNR, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; Ens. Mary S. McMahon (NC) USNR, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; Ens. Alice M. McKenna (NC) USNR, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.

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Members of the Nurse Corps transferred to other stations last month are: Ens. June K. Christiansen (NC) USNR, to USN Dispensary Drydocks, San Francisco; Ens. Blanche L. George (NC) USNR, to USNH, San Diego; Ens. Nellie Johns (NC) USNR, to USN Dispensary, Seattle, Wash.; Ens. Beulah F. Jones (NC) USNR; Ens. Edna O. Krummert, USN Special Hospital, Sun Valley, Idaho.

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Lieut. C. Edwina Todd (NC), USN, is on temporary additional duty at the Office of War Finance Committee, Los Angeles, in connection with the Eighth War Loan Drive.

Captain C. C. DeFord,
Chief of Dental Services

Dental Chief Formerly With Embassy in Russia

A Naval career which has been colored with contrasting assignments and sections of the globe is that of Captain C. C. DeFord (DC), USN, Chief of the Dental Service at Long Beach Naval Hospital.

For twenty months between February 1943 and September 1944, Captain DeFord served as assistant Naval attache' to the American Embassy in Russia. As an official messenger he made four missions to Cairo, two to Archangel, one to Poltava in Ukraine, as well as other strategic points in the theatre.

One journey from Teheran to Moscow was comprised of travel by truck through the Caspian Mountains, to Baku aboard a Russian steamer, and by rail to Moscow. This itinerary required one month, a distance which would have covered one day by air. Aboard the train and in the boat, passengers carried and prepared their own food, Captain DeFord relates. There was no distinction termed "first" and "second" class travel—there you rode "soft" (cushioned chair car) or "hard" (board seat).

In Russia, the Naval attache' lived in the Ambassador's home. The Germans had confiscated the coal supply so the magnificent rooms were inadequately heated. It was quite ironical that the diplomatic party should wait upon the Ambassador to escort them in to the elaborately set dining table—only to be served **spam.**

The food situation in the country was grim. The people on collective farms were required to raise their norm, then the surplus was put on free market. With eggs at $1.50 a dozen, sugar at $84, and small hams at $80 in the market the families survived on meager lots.

Even if cold and hunger persisted, the cultural tastes of the people were satisfied. The drama, opera and symphony presented in the cities of Russia were superb. Theatre groups produced Cherry Orchard, Three Sisters, Dead Souls and Anna Karenina. The American production of It Happened One Night was adapted to their The Road to New York, cleverly burlesquing American customs. The opera season presented such a repertoire as Aida, Queen of Spades and Il Trovatore. Music lovers were not deprived of symphony concerts though bursting bombs resounded on the air. Soul strengthening music filled Tschaikowsky Hall nightly.

It was encouraging, Captain DeFord reflected, that the Russian children not only whistled and hummed the classicals, but without hesitation would name the composers. This is in sharp contrast to our American lad, who knows the lyrics to Pistol Packin' Mamma and Marsey Doats, but finds Beethoven and Bach unfamiliar.

The Moscow University functioned during the war regardless of a drastically reduced enrollment. Even in the pre-war years, it was estimated that 90% of the people engaged in the academic studies of medicine and dentistry were women. The idea that engineering and mining were professions suitable to men and that medical pursuits were effeminate was encouraged.

Due to the high latitude of the country, light prevailed through approximately twenty-one hours of the day between June 1 and July 31. Captain DeFord recalled that during his sojourn in Archangel in July 1944, there were no hours of darkness. Conversely, six months from the light period, complete darkness fell on the territory.

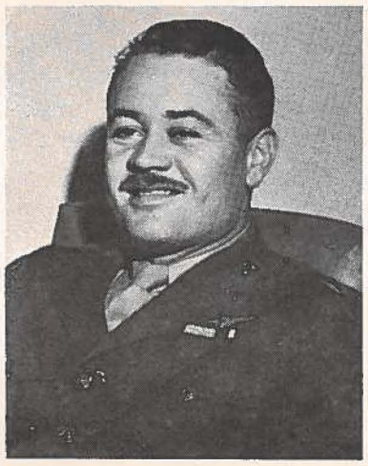
The subways, less than ten years old, were beautifully constructed in marble. During the war they served as air-raid shelters for the Soviet people.

It was with reluctance that Captain DeFord departed from Russia, a country filled with pathos and laughter. He was en route twelve days as he flew via Moscow, Cairo, Rome, Casablanca, then viewed again the shores of his homeland.

The chiefs did a bit of clowning at their recent party which included dancing in the auditorium to the delightful music of the station band, and a smorgasbord supper in the chow hall.

Marine Air Ace Patient on SOQ

Lt. Colonel "Pappy" Boyington, the Marines' top-ranking ace, has checked in at the Long Beach Naval Hospital for a routine physical following innumerable engagements on bond-selling campaigns, at banquets and ceremonials. Navy Day found the hero, whom the nation cheers for destroying 28 enemy planes, addressing the throngs gathered in the City Square in Detroit. From there he proceeded to Chicago and New York City, visiting key cities across country and along the Pacific Coast. Marine Day he terminated his tour as he paid tribute to the Corps before the 35,000 Southern Cal-University of California spectators, who fell into reverent silence during the half to grasp the words of one of the world's greatest fliers.



Lt. Colonel "Pappy" Boyington

The saga leading up to twenty months of imprisonment had its beginning a decade ago when Gregory Boyington became an aviation cadet in Pensacola. In 1941-42, Boyington was released from the U. S. services to join General Chennault's Flying Tigers in China, later to be reinstated in the Marine Corps.

In 1943, Boyington took a group of forty men who were unattached to other outfits, and turned them into a crackerjack squadron. The group became known as the "Black Sheep" and earned a brilliant record for their insigne, a shield outlined in black with a bar sinister running from upper right to lower left, denoting illegitimacy.

The squadron moved out into the Pacific in January, 1944. A year later the skipper of the group was flying over Rabaul when the main gas line of his fighter blew up, abbreviating his encounters with the enemy since he was forced to parachute. A Jap submarine rescued Boyington from the water where he floundered with a broken ankle and leg. In Rabaul, he was put through an interrogation period, beaten with rifle butts, and ordered transferred. During a sixteen day interim on Truk he witnessed our Navy Task Force's strafings. He was placed in a precarious position as one of the Navy's block busters struck just sixteen feet from him.

In Ofuna prison Boyington was labeled a "special prisoner," this category being denied medical treatment. The injuries he had received in parachuting mended, thanks to tape he himself improvised from sailcloth. At Ofuna he was beaten, humiliated, blindfolded and subjected to solitary confinement.

It was from the Nip headquarters at Omori, between Tokyo and Yokohoma, that Lt. Colonel Boyington emerged—a revelation to the allied forces and American people — who had never received the report that the high-spirited and courageous Marine ace still lived.

Chief John Carter, Former Metropolitan Star, Here

"Music for Fun", the informal Navy musical program, was presented in the U. S. Naval Hospital auditorium at an afternoon performance on 11 December. CSp(E) RW John Carter, USNR, of the Metropolitan Opera Association and concert radio fame, was the headliner. The unit presented Charles Libone, Mus3c, 19-year-old violin protege, as featured co-performer, and Robert Emmet Moonan, Mus1c, as accompanist. In addition to his singing, Carter talked informally about the selections on the hourlong program. Of special interest was the origin of concert pieces, highspots in the lives of composers, and other human interest points.

This unit of professional entertainers, all now in service, is on an extensive tour of West Coast hospitals. Their enthusiastic receptions can be verified by their welcome here.

Hospital Corpsmen Seek Recreation, Represented Through Organization

By A. B. Williams, PhM3c

At a series of meetings held in the auditorium 26 November and 29 November, all corpsmen of the compound were presented by Pharmacist J. R. Hammett, Staff Personnel Officer, with a plan for organization designed to stimulate interest in recreation through athletics and entertainment, and to increase their contribution to the **Santana.**

Captain I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer, opened the meeting by lauding the corpsmen as a group for their devotion to duty and he stressed the importance of the work which they do. He referred to the corpsmen as "indispensable cogs in the tremendous machine which is the Navy." Speaking of the proposed organization, Captain Norman announced that Lt. Comdr. Guilford A. Robinson of the X-Ray department would act as corpsmen's counselor and advisor.

Immediately following explanation by Mr. Hammett of the purpose and structure of the organization to be known as the Hospital Corps Club, the Nominative Committee elections were held. Nominated by the Starboard Watch were Donald Straw, HA2c; Terrill Trimble, HA1c; Malcolm Patrick, PhM3c; Minor Jones, PhM2c; Carl Ansite, PhM1c; Port Watch, Leonard Roudebush, HA2c; Bill Harper, HA1c; H. S. Sandness, PhM3c; Frank Waszak, PhM2c; A. A. Kromrei, PhM1c.

Corpsmen elected as officials for the Corps Club were Minor L. Jones, PhM2c, Chairman; Carl Ansite, PhM1c, Vice-Chairman; John E. Wolfe, HA1c, Secretary, and Afton B. Williams, PhM3c, Treasurer. Ballots were tabulated by Mr. Hammett and Sam P. Hardin, PhM3c of the Detail Office.

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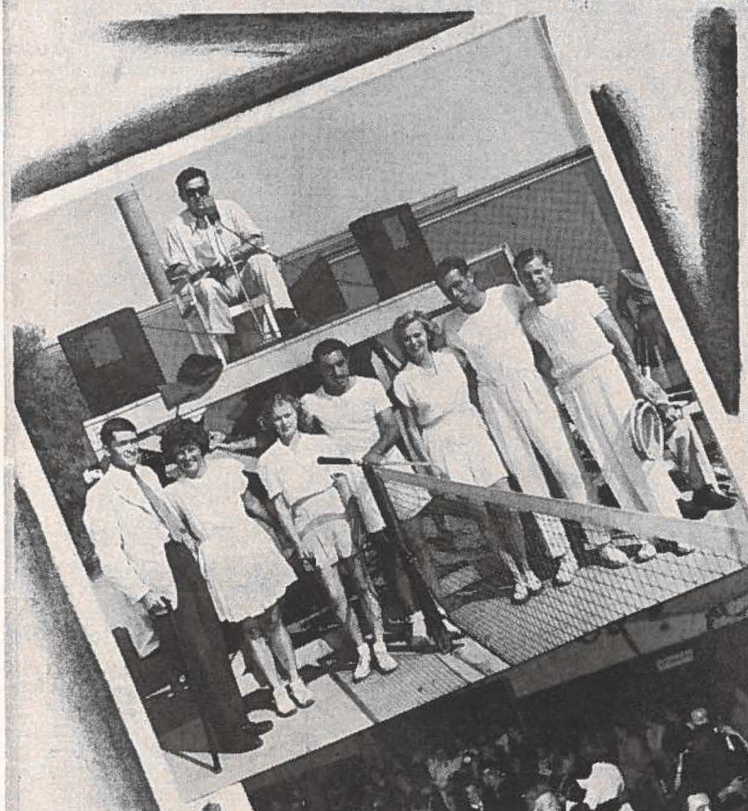

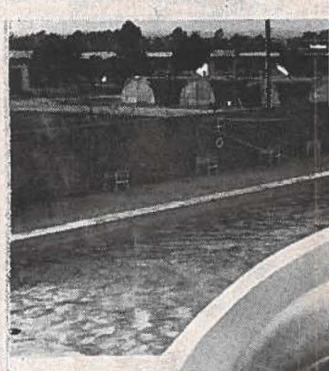

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Comings and Goings

There has been a tremendous turn-over in the staff officer group at this hospital. Every day we realize the loss of officers who have been outstanding in their fields of work and of affable personality. The majority of the following have been released from service via the separation center though a few were transferred to duty elsewhere:

Capt. W. E. Costolow, MC, USNR, separation; Capt. B. C. Shackford, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr, Ross A. Goodcell, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. Paul McMasters, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. C. Pugsley jr., MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. J. O. Vaughn, MC,USNR, separation; Comdr. James L. Chapman, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. T. B. Childs, MC(S), USNR, separation; Comdr. A. G. Daniells jr., MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. G. Hardy, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. J. H. McGranahan, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. F. Richards, MC, USNR, separation; Comdr. C. A. Moss, DC, USNR, separation; Comdr. J. B. Dynes, MC(S), USNR, detached to NH, Chelsea, Mass.; Comdr. E. F. Kline, MC, USN, transferred to Naval Air Station, San Diego; Lt. Comdr. L. J. Johnson, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. Comdr. F. S. Balyeat, separation; Lt. Comdr. Aaron A. Shaper, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. Comdr. P. M. L. Forsberg, MC, USNR det. to Navy Yards, Portsmouth, N. H.; Lt. Comdr. Arthur F. Gore, MC, USNR, transferred to US Naval Dispensary, Long Beach; Lt. Comdr. Rollan W. Kraft, MC(S), USNR, to Com 12 to USS Rixey; Lt. Comdr. Leon Arons, H(S), USNR, separation; Lt. Comdr. Cyril J. Gail, DC, USNR, separation; Lt. E. Walters (W), USNR, separation; Lt. J. E. Koster, DC, USNR, separation; Lt. F. J. Burns, CHC to Naval Hosp., San Diego; Lt. M. Wilson (W) to Camp Elliot; Lt. H. O. Pendleton, DC, USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) J. D. Dickson, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) Gussie S. Kingsley (W) USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) W. A. Stephenson, MC-V (G), USNR to USS Solace; Lt. (jg) David Duffie, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) Maurice Perll MC(S), USNR, to USS Tallageda; Lt. (jg) E. Wasemiller, MC, USNR to Marine Training Center, Oceanside; Lt. (jg) B. Willard, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) D. R. Wenner, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) M. Matousek (W), USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) G. H. Huss, MC, USNR, separation; Lt. (jg) S. Turkel, MC(S), USNR, to separation center, Oceanside; Lt. (jg) Norman E. Green, MC, USNR, separation; Ens. E. A. Rich, H(W), USNR, transferred to Marine Training and Replacement Command, Oceanside.

The following officers have been assigned to this station recently: Capt. Arlo A. Morrison, MC, USNR, from overseas; Comdr. W. L. Janus, MC, USN from USS Cincinnati; Comdr. A. K. Droz, MC, USNR, from overseas; Comdr, J. W. Whitselt, MC, USNR, from overseas; Comdr, J. I. Hall, MC, USNR from US Naval Receiving Hospital, San Francisco; Comdr. R. A. Frost, MC, USN, from Naval Civil Affairs Staging Area, Monterey; Lt. Comdr. W. B. Briggs, MC, USNR, from Overseas; Lt. Comdr. J. C. Reed, MC, USNR, reporting from Camp LeJeuene, North Carolina; Lt. Comdr. H. R. Rowe, MC, USN, from Norman, Oklahoma Naval Hosp.; Lt. Comdr. R. W. Jacobs, HC, USNR, from NOB, Terminal Island; Lt. Comdr. R. D. Jacob, MC, USN, from Naval Training Center, Great Lakes; Lt. Comdr. G. M. Cole, MC, USN, from West Coast Sound Training Squad, San Diego; Lt. Comdr. J. B. William, MC, USNR, from overseas; Lt. D. E. Owens, MC, USNR, from overseas; Lt. P. S. LaFollette, MC, USNR, from overseas; Lt. S. Climo, MC, USNR, from 3rd Naval District; Lt. D. B. Freshwater, MC, USNR, from separation center, NOB; Lt. T. Bates, MC, USN, from Naval Hospital, San Leandro; Lt. R. A. King, MC, USN, from Potomac River Command, Navy Yards, Washington, D. C.; Lt. G. R. Holt, SC, USNR, from overseas; Lt. C. P. Sprague, MC, USNR from overseas; Lt. H. G. Miller, MC, V(G), USNR, from overseas; Lt. C. L. Palmer, D(L), USNR, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; Lt. N. D. Hamilton, DC, USNR, from Adv. Base Pers. Dept., San Bruno; Lt. E. W. Lewis (HC), USN, from 11th Nav. Dist.; Lt. R. C. Pollock, MV V(S), USNR, from Comll; Lt. S. Birnbaum, MC, USNR from Comll; Lt. L. Bauman (MC) USNR, from Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; Lt. (jg) R. Hastings, (D) L, USNR, from BuPers; Lt. (jg) M. L. Hall (W), USNR, from BuPers; Lt. (jg) H. H. Laub, (W), USNR, from BuPers; Lt. (jg) A. B. Root, jr., MC, USNR, from USS Newberry; Lt. (jg) B. E. New, H (W), from Naval Hospital, Key West, Florida; Lt. (jg) R. A. Rose, MC, USNR, and Lt. (jg) D. C. Peterson, MC, USNR, for course in gynecology and obstetrics; Ens. F. L. Mayberry, HC, USN, from overseas; Ch. Pharm. W. Dorosz, USN, from duty aboard the USS LaGrange.

Patients admitted to the hospital go first to the Receiving Ward where the Medical Officer of the Day, assisted by nurses and corpsmen, administer immediate treatment. From there patient is assigned to a ward.

Receiving Important Unit in Hospital

By Phil Whitman, HA1c

One of the most important units at LBNH is the receiving ward where 55,881 patients have entered since the hospital was commissioned in 1942.

The receiving unit is staffed by two day nurses and eight corpsmen while at night the ward is handled by a nurse and corpsman. A junior Officer of the Day is on duty at all times with the assistant and senior Officer of the Day in charge.

At the receiving ward all emergency first aid and minor surgery is administered, and if the patient's condition so warrants, he is admitted in the routine method.

Besides treatments, the staff on the ward enters the patient in the ward log, fills out the patient's record, checks his valuables and service records, stows his gear, and assigns him to his ward for treatment.

Marine, Navy and Coast Guard personnel are all entered at this ward, as are the "VAP's", while at the same time severe civilian emergencies (such as accident cases) are cared for. Dependents of service personnel are entered at the nearby dependent's unit.

Most patients entering the hospital are either from oversea units or from nearby Marine and Naval activities. However, a good many admittees are auto and general accidents. Since the end of war, service personnel have been sent here for their final physical before discharge from the services.

The staff personnel in the receiving ward are certainly to be commended for their efficiency in hospital and medical care which has given our hospital an enviable reputation.

1st Liberty Ship Still Floats

Pacific (CNS)—The first Liberty Ship, Patrick Henry, which was launched 21 Sept., 1941, and was the forerunner of some 2700 more, is returning from here to enter the transatlantic service.

U. S. Population Up

Washington (CNS)—The USA is still growing. Latest reports from the Census Bureau show the nation's population has climbed 8 million since 1940, and now has passed the 140 million mark.

Navy's Electrician Once An Itinerant in His Work

Surrounded by an odd collection of electric food carts, a diathermy machine, irons, sterilizers, a buffer, and a Bendix washer, Philip O'Toole, chief electrician, had proof when he professed that he and his co-workers in the Electric Shop are "busy people."

Mr. O'Toole, civilian employe, became attached to the hospital prior to its commissioning, arriving on the scene to do some of the wiring on buildings under construction. In January 1943, he was placed in charge of the Electric Shop.

Philip O'Toole, Electrician

The Irishman hails from Kirkwood, Mo., and boasts of the wonders of the 1904 World's Fair in his home state. When questioned as to the factors making the fair "wonderful," he confessed that the Irish girls crocheting Irish lace were indubitably the answer.

The first electrical job Mr. O'Toole did dates back to 1907 when he became employed for the Union Electric Light and Power Company in St. Louis, Missouri. After an interim there he attempted to satisfy his wanderlust by journeying around the United States working on projects in different communities, adding new sections of the country to his travelogue. It was during this itinerary that he played an important part in wiring the People's Theatre in Orlando, Florida, and the Power Plant in Evansville, Indiana. Then the call to the west brought him to California, where he worked in Maywood and later in the electrical department at the aircraft plant in Long Beach.

He's become a pillar at the Long Beach Naval Hospital, and is gonna wander no more. So when the fire alarm system refuses to alarm, the X-ray equipment is without rays, or the inter-communication system is not functioning properly we have Mr. O'Toole and his efficient crew on the job.

GIs Return on Carriers

New York (CNS)—Two carriers, the Wasp and the Monterey, with tiers of bunks replacing Hellcats, Helldivers, and Avengers on the hangar deck, left for Naples to bring back troops. Ships' complements were cut almost in half to make room for returnees. The Wasp will carry 6450 homecoming officers and EM. Capacity of the other vessel was not announced.

The capacity of receiving pleasure from common things is one of the secrets of a happy life.

Mr. C. L. Blair, affectionately called "Pappy," is the chief gardener for the station. Here he's tying up a plant in the nursery.

'Pappy' Blair's Chief Concern Is Improvement of Grounds

C. L. Blair, whom we affectionately call "Pappy," was the first gardener on the station and has served loyally for over three years. This chief gardener and a crew of seven men came to the compound while it was still a barley field remaining from the Bixby farm formerly on this site. They broke the soil and cultivated the ground, planting blue grass and clover for lawn base.

It was little Mr. Blair who was one to energetically work at planting the Chinese elms lining the east and north borders of the compound, Monterey pines for the west wall and Southern magnolia composing the front border.

But Mr. Blair has not always planted oleanders, hibiscus, pine and fuchsia—he farmed the soil for twenty years back in Franklin, Nebraska. Droughts and dust storms around the year 1937 drove Mr. Blair to California, he recalls. He considers "irrigation" an ideal way to combat unpredictable elements, and the dust filled winds, locally referred to as "santanas" are comparatively nothing, says the former midwesterner.

He continued to work the soil in this clime—being employed as gardener for private estates until he came to the hospital in 1942, arriving fifteen days before the commissioning.

Mr. Blair's previous sojourn in California between 1885 and 1916 is colored by two events. One was a covered wagon trip he made from Pasadena to Yosemite Valley, north past San Francisco and then back to San Pedro. (The covered wagon was complete with a flat bottom, galvanized iron bathtub, which was used in Yosemite Valley — as a boat!)

The second highlight brought out in Mr. Blair's reminiscences was the work he did in connection with the building of Carnegie Institute observatory on Mount Wilson. He drove a four mule team up the mountain, hauling concrete and steel which went into the construction of the observatory. "Those were the good old days," when there was no Government Reserve and one could hunt venison during the trek to the top—Mr. Blair was a crack shot, too!

"Pappy" is assisted in the landscaping and care of the grounds of the hospital by Felix Elrode, Chester Clark, Pete Negus, Henry Cook, Dave Peterson, Charles Petty and "Mac" McDowell, who have served for over a year, and eight new men who recently joined the staff.

Navy to Transmit Urgent Personal Messages

(SEA). — Urgent personal and emergency messages may be transmitted by overseas and shipboard radio circuits to Navy personnel anywhere in the world beginning 15 November.

Messages may be telegraphed or mailed to the Naval Communications Office, Washington, D. C., for free transmission to New York FPO addresses, and to 12th Naval District Communications Office, San Francisco, for San Francisco FPO addresses.

Personnel with FPO addresses may use the service to reach U. S. addresses. Free transmission is available also for messages to and from naval addresses outside the United States.

The Navy reserves the right to reject lengthy and not strictly urgent messages.

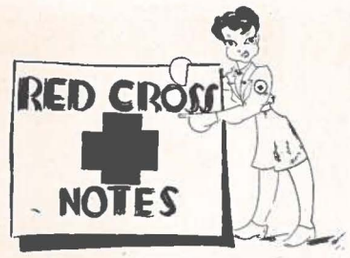
All Axis POWs To Be Shipped Out By May

(SEA.) — The remaining 350,000 German and Italian POWs held in America will be shipped out before next May, Secretary of War Patterson announced. At the peak, one half million were confined to work camps located at 150 Army bases.

The prisoners, who have been doing 10,000,000 man days of work per month for industry, agriculture and the Army and Navy, will be out of private contract work by the end of February. About 75,000 will be embarked each month starting in December.

"I'm forgetting women out here in the islands."

"I'm for getting them out here, too."



Red Cross 1945 Christmas plans are well under way—early! Listen for the Christmas carolers during the week before Christmas and on Sunday afternoon, 23 December. For the formal holiday dance "tails and white ties" would be appropriate but that SAILOR SUIT WILL BE TOPS. The charming Philadelphian debs of Long Beach will be hostesses. Be thinking of Christmas decorations for your Christmas tree, since every ward will have one. Santa with his bag will visit you all on Christmas day.

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Oh, to have been a patient one evening in late November! Twenty-five beautiful hostesses from Long Beach tried hard to refrain from saying YES and NO in answering questions from patients in a fascinating bean game. Mr. Thomas, caricature artist from Hollywood Canteen, was busy entertaining the patients with amusing sketches. Dancers in tricky Spanish costumes from the Newman Lillian School of Dancing, high-lighted the evening with several variety dance numbers. Sandwiches, punch, and birthday cake were served by the Red Cross Canteen.

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The opening of a new craft shop in the far end of "N" wing is well under way. The extremely capable instructors are those lovely ladies in green smocks known in Red Cross as the Arts and Skills Corps. Wonderful projects are being carried on such as block printing, leather work, wood carving and clay modeling. One of the clever artists has introduced an artistic bottle stopper with the expressive faces molded in sawdust and glue. Really, men, you'll find you've got hidden talents and can turn out your own Christmas gifts.

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A member of the Red Cross staff has been assigned to the Dependents' Hospital to assist the serviceman and his dependents with the problems which arise when medical care and hospitalization are necessary. This worker is able to obtain services of Motor Corps transportation and assistance of Red Cross chapters in connection with home problems which naturally arise because of the absence of a member of the family. The worker in case of emergency is equipped to verify the necessity for leaves for the serviceman. Gray Ladies have been assigned to the hospital to supply comfort articles, magazines, send telegrams, make telephone calls and do shopping for the patients.

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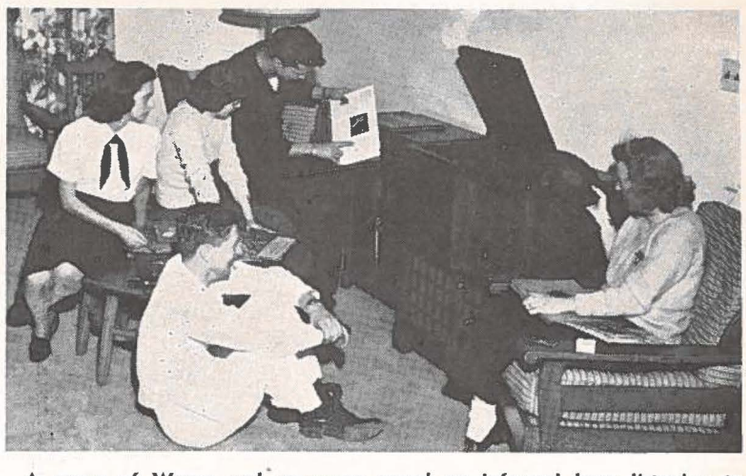
In the past month one social and one recreational worker have been added to the Red Cross staff. Miss Irene Gilroy, social worker, came to this station from the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Southern California. Prior to this she was employed on Federal Relief in Texas and New Mexico. Mrs. Alice Skinner, who hails from the Windy City, joined the recreational staff in November. Mrs. Skinner graduated from Kendall College of Physical Education and was Recreational Director in Cook County and in Tacoma, Washington.

Maintenance Shops Receive Commendation

Recently awarded to five integral departments on this station was a Navy Department commendation for prevention of accidents during the year which is closing. The Citation to the Electrical, Plumbing, Paint, Carpenter, and Automotive shops was awarded "in recognition of the excellent record of the group in completing one year's work without accidents involving loss of time to personnel."

A personal commendation was presented to the people directly responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations governing the safety codes and promoting the well-being of the employes and efficiency of the departments. W. F. Broderick, Foreman-Mechanic, "Curley" Des Voigne in the Carpenter's Shop; George Hughes, Plumbing Shop; Philip O'Toole, Electrical Shop; Howard Helsley, Automotive Shop, and Edward McKee, Paint Shop, received individual citations.

This is the second year the award was earned by departments on the station.



A group of Waves and corpsmen spend an informal hour listening to records played on the new radio-phonograph. Four such sets were distributed by the Welfare Department—one to each Waves' Quarters, Corpsmen's Quarters and the Chiefs' Room. Record collections range from classicals to boogie-woogie.

Chief Survives Java Sea Disaster and POW Camp

A poignant story which covers 41 months of life in an imprisonment camp was related by Chief Gunner's Mate, John A. Gillen, USN, patient on N-7.

Chief Gillen was on duty aboard the USS Pope (DD-225) at the time of the disaster which plunged the destroyer crew into the Java Sea and later into the hands of the Japanese. The Pope, along with the British cruiser Exeter and the British destroyer Encounter, was sunk on March 1, 1942. In order to survive the treachery of the sea, the crew members formed six relays and gained strength during rest periods in the one remaining small boat. Following 56 hours in an exhausted and waterlogged state, the survivors were rescued by a Jap destroyer and taken to Macassar on the island of Celebes, Netherlands East Indies.

For the next year and a half the prisoners were confined to a Dutch camp where working parties were organized and sent out daily to build bomb shelters over the island. When the camp was converted into a military training center for Indonesians, the internees were transferred into a camp constructed of bamboo. The original complement, consisting of 167 Americans, British and Dutch, was increased as one survivor from the gunboat Ashville, one from the USS Langley, two men from an Army dive bomber, and the crew of the USS Perch were brought in.

Thirty-two men died from malnutrition, others from dysentery, pellagra, and deficiency diseases. The highest percentage of deaths occurred in other races than ours—the resistance of American stock being comparatively high. Fatality was low in malarial cases, although 100% of the men suffered from the disease. Reactions brought on by malaria were kept in check by a bitter tea brewed from papaya leaf.

The internees at this second camp were forced to work at enemy war industry, which duty consisted of packing the Jap explosive "shimose" into land mines and hand grenades. Blisters on the skin and in the mouth (consequently loss of appetite) resulted from contact with this high explosive.

From fish, rice, duck eggs, and boiled vines the captives were further curtailed to sweet potato tops, fried monkey, dog, cat, and goat meat. The men had an agreement that they would never condescend to eat rats, which custom was practiced in other camps.

Australian planes were flying over the camp in August, 1945, when they detected mirror reflections, signals of the camp inhabitants. Through messages dropped the internees learned that the war had ceased. Even before the cries of rejoicing had subsided, vitamin tablets, clothing, and food were dropped into the camp. Once the Japanese officers realized that the allied troops would soon be in command, they sent all of our sick and dying to the Dutch military hospital for attention. An Army and a Navy doctor were the first to arrive, and evacuated the men according to the expediency of their cases. As transportation became available all internees were repatriated.

Chief Gillen reflected that the internees always said that if they were given an opportunity they would admit the one decent thing that the Nipponese were known to do. They allowed a decent burial—the ensign of the home country was draped over the deceased, a chaplain (Dutch the first year, later one from the Church of England, succeeded by an American Navy chaplain) read last rites, and the burial grounds were marked. The men who passed on at Macassar, and those who lived to tell about it, represent the dauntless courage and sacrificing souls of the allied troops.

Patients are engrossed in learning woodworking under the guidance of Harry Huck, instructor in the Occupational Therapy Department.

Woodwork Shop Popular In Occupational Therapy

For all seagoing sailors and those who remained landlubbers but found they possess an interest in ship construction, Occupational Therapy now has a shipbuilding project as popular as Kaiser's! Patients can be found in the woodwork department laying the keel for small craft, destroyers, or battleships, models of the Essex class, or just crude boats for the son to sail in the bathtub.

Harry Huck, member of the Technical Institute staff of Long Beach City College, is associated with the rehabilitation department on this station, and willingly instructs in the woodwork shop of Occupational Therapy.

Model ships can be built with lines lofted in perfect scale to the giant sizes. With instruction in lofting, patients are learning the fundamentals for construction, and such knowledge can be applied to building a small boat to be skippered by the patient, or more practically used in securing work in a shipbuilding yard upon discharge.

Another trade which might be capitalized on by patients learning in the department, is house construction. In this category fall such essential steps as ordering lumber, learning layout for framing walls, partitions and openings, and the layout and framing of roofs. Technical points on the use of the steel square to assure correct angles, lengths of braces for any run and rise, and the laying of rafters for pitch roofs make for professional projects.

If the patients are interested in shaping wood into attractive and coveted handiwork, carved wooden scrap book covers, and tables, bookshelves, tool boxes, lawn chairs, picture frames, and original articles develop under Mr. Huck's guidance.

Navy Develops Fungus Infection Remedy

(SEA).—A new and highly effective remedy developed by BuMed for "athlete's foot" and other common fungus infections has successfully passed tests involving more than 5,600 men. Known as undecylenic powder, it cured 90 per cent of both moderate and severe "athlete's foot" and groin infections in two or three weeks, and held contraction of these infections to 4 per cent and .7 per cent, respectively.

Sen. George Asks Vets' Tax Relief

(SEA). — Veterans can expect tax relief from Congress according to Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Four measures, all or part of which will be in the tax bill currently being considered are:

Extension of the serviceman tax exemption of $1,500 for one year after discharge; elimination of the 6 per cent interest penalty for veterans requiring more than six months to pay up their accumulated tax arrears; removal of the requirement that veterans fill out tax returns when they owe no taxes; relieving American prisoners of war from paying high surtaxes on their service pay, given to them in a lump sum on being freed. All would be retroactive, refunds being made to veterans who had already paid taxes.

Seeing-Eye Device

(SEA).—A small radar may soon supplant the seeing-eye dog in guiding the blind, with the perfection of a "sensory aid" now being developed in New Jersey. Operated by a beam of light, which reflects as sound all objects within 20 feet, the electronic set weighs nine pounds and is about the size of a loaf of bread.

SHELL SHOW TOPS

An hour and a quarter of fast-moving entertainment was presented to a capacity crowd in the hospital auditorium on Sunday evening, 25 November. The Shell Show is rounding out its third year as a military show unit, attesting to its popularity! The talented performers of stage, screen and radio included: left to right, top row: Johnny O'Brien "Harmonicomic" (who won thundering applause); Carylye, Prince of Prestidigators; Eunice Steel, leading lady of the keyboard; Wanda, song stylist; Ardis May, tops in taps; Lucille Elmore, Mistress of Ceremonies and ventriloquial sensation. Shown with Lucille is her assistant, Chief Andy, whose levity was appreciated by the Naval audience.

Sport Light

Basketball

Now that the 1945 basketball season has moved into high gear, the section of the sport page describing the highlights and humor of the games will become more and more interesting!

Of the fourteen games played by the Naval Hospital team this season, all but four were victories, those being lost to such powerful teams as Proctor and Los Alamitos. Even these games were thrilling, stiffly-contested matches, some of which had to be taken into overtime periods.

The team was weakened by the loss of CSp (A) Walt Kowalski, who left for a separation center in mid-November. But with the addition of Lt. C. L. Palmer, former all conference guard at Rice Institute, Houston, the tide began to turn.

The Hospital Reds, as rugged a team as can be found in their league, have not fared so well in their games. This is due largely to the fact that the men average only about 5 feet 9 inches in height. Still they have managed to stay ahead of the game with a standing of 7 wins to 4 losses.

The following are a few of the scores prior to November 22:

Naval Hospital 63, Coast Guard 20.
Naval Hospital 46, Naval Dry Docks 17.
Naval Hospital 21, NOB 39.
Naval Hospital 32, Los Alamitos 51.
Naval Hospital 46, Eager Beavers 25.

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Hospital Reds 29, Frontier Base 38.
Hospital Reds 32, Eager Beavers 36 (overtime).
Hospital Reds 42, NDDA 16.
Hospital Reds 9, All Stars 26.
Hospital Reds 34, Diamond Cab 26.

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Tuesday, 22 November, carried a full card for the teams. To start the evening at the "Y" off, the Hospital Reds met the Hospital Golds in the Golds' first game of the season. Although the newly organized team put up an admirable fight, the final score was Reds 22, Golds 12.

Next the Naval Hospital tangled with the Roosevelt Base team and exhibited a fast-breaking accurate-passing game which had the galleries screaming. After the last play when the final horn sounded, the Naval Hospital stood at 48, Roosevelt Base at 37. If this game is any criterion of coming events, the season will be a colorful one!

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BADMINTON

Badminton enthusiasts are eagerly practicing for a tournament which will soon be played off in the corpsmen's gym. Preliminary games have already been played—the date of the final round is not established as yet.

SENATE GROUP APPROVES BILL PROVIDING ATTRACTIVE INDUCEMENTS FOR NAVY CAREER

By Ships' Editorial Association

Several inducements to re-enlist in the Regular Navy are offered enlisted men in a new bill introduced by Sen. Walsh (D., Mass.). The measure has been approved by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee and has gone to the Senate for action.

Among the important provisions of the bill are:

Double enlistment allowance for men re-enlisting within 24 hours of expiration of a previous enlistment. This would allow men in the first three pay grades $100 multiplied by the number of years in their last enlistment. Men in the lower pay grades would receive $50 times the number of years in the previous enlistment.

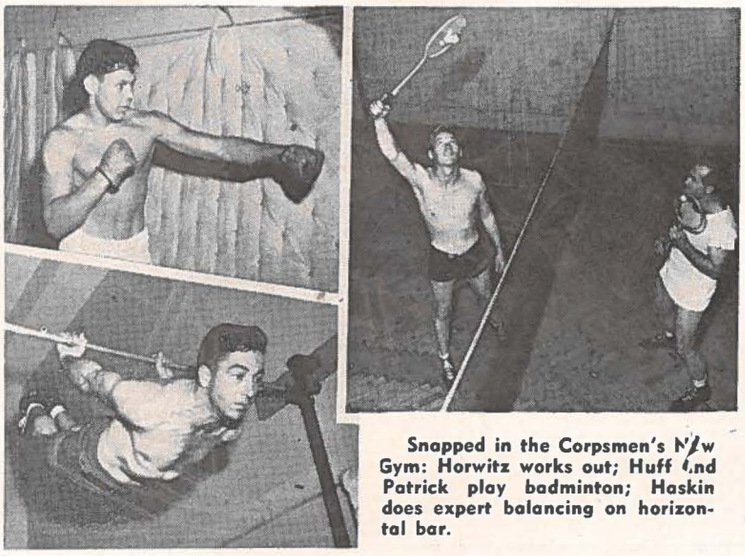
Eligibility for transfer to the Fleet Reserve after 16 years of service for those who re-enlist within 120 days after the passabe of the act. Those who re-enlist later will become eligible for such transfer only after 20 years of service.

Travel allowance of five cents per mile to the original place of enlistment for enlisted men of the Reserve who are discharged in order to sign for the Regular Navy.

Guaranteeing commissions for recommended chief petty officers who pass periodical examinations. Similar examinations and guarantees for men of lower rates who have had at least four years' duty. Retirement benefits for disabled enlisted men permitting them to retire at the highest rate held in active duty status.

Credit for years served in World War II for Reserve personnel who were recalled to active duty after retirement following 16 years of active duty.

For enlisted men transferring to the Fleet Reserve after 20 years' service, a percentage of pay amounting to 2½ times the number of years of service. This would make the maximum retirement pay 75 per cent of base pay instead of the present 50 per cent.



Snapped in the Corpsmen's New Gym: Horwitz works out; Huff and Patrick play badminton; Haskin does expert balancing on horizontal bar.

New Gymnasium for Hospital Corpsmen

A gymnasium especially designed to fill the recreational needs of corpsmen, has recently been completed in the basement of the Corps Quarters. This 43x24 ft. well lighted and ventilated gym makes possible competitive games in badminton, volleyball, ping-pong and darts.

While the floor is not standard size for official basketball play, it serves well for practice games. The three station teams, the Varsity, Reds, and Golds find a floor conveniently located for the first time since the organization of basketball here. Previously, the teams journeyed to the "Y" or Los Alamitos for practice.

For the pugilists among the staff ranks, boxing gloves, striking bags and gloves, and skipping ropes are available. Or for some straight gymnastics — horizontal bars, springboard and mats for tumbling are at hand. An instructor on duty will teach techniques to any potential Spartan.

From the equipment room adjacent to the gym, all athletic gear such as tennis racquets, softballs, hardballs, bats, footballs and handballs may be checked out to be used on outdoor fields.

This recreational center for staff personnel has been stocked with the finest equipment obtainable by the Welfare and Recreation Department. Stanley Haskin, HA2c, is assigned as MAA in charge of the gym, and special instructor.

With enthusiasm for the sports activities gaining momentum, tourney play is being planned. Throw your hat in the ring and enter the competition.

Chaplain: "My boy, are you following the Ten Commandments?"

HA: "I don't know, sir. I have all I can do to keep up with the ship's memos and notices."

During personnel inspection recently, our skipper, Capt. C. M. Shaar, presented Irene Isherwood, PhM3c, the trophy she won as champion of the Waves' tennis tournament.

Rate Advancements

The following named corpsmen and Waves qualified for advancement in ratings which became effective December 1, 1945.

Chief Pharmacist Mate (AA) (T): Erro, K. H.; Manor, M. G.; Wallace, R. R.; Cannata, S. J.; Morris, T. J.

Phm1c (T): Ansite, C. R.

Phm2c (T): Angell, E. C.; Barnhart, R.; Haroian, R.; Kelley, O.

PhM3c (T): Commins, J. F.; Cottle, A. O.; Curiel, J. M.; Deasy, P. P.; Drake, D.; Foster, R. L.; Griswold, W. J.; Hall, D. G.; Hildebrand, J. C.; Hill, D. W.; Hodges, R. L.; McCulloh, T. H.; Meyer, R. I.; Moulton, A. R.; Murphy, E. J.; Newman, E. T.; Pasini, O. O.; Patrick, M. C.; Schmitz, R. E.; Shelton, W. G.; Spofford, R. A.; Taylor, G. E.; Trimble, T. M.; Vanter, R. H.; Walker, D. J.; Wesley, E. B.; Wolfe, J. E.; Williams, A. B.

HA1c: August, R. W.; Banks, M. J.; Bobetsky, T.; Boyle, J. P.; Braithwaite, C. M.; Campbell, L. L.; Cather, J. E.; Cavaney, V.; Chupein, C. P.; Close, D. R.; Deicken, F. C.; Enea, H. V.; Felmlee, C.; Fleming, G. W.; Fitzgerald, D. P.; Gardner, B. S.; Gregory, J. E. H.; Hedstrom, K. J.; Jones, L. A.; Kahn, L. S.; Kannapel, C. F.; Maynes, G. D.; McHugh, J. R.; Miller, B. O.; Nathan, S.; Oquita, R.; Peterson, D. A.; Petty, C. E.; Rinehart, M. J.; Saperstein, S.; Sheldon, D. M.; Sheehan, R. F.; Shell, R.; Shuss, F. F.; Switzer, L. R.; Thomas, M. F.; Thompson, F. V.; Thimmes, D. M.; Vecchione, V. R.; Westman, J. A. Wiktor, R. S.

HUMERUS by RIGOR MORTIS JR.

"Are you allergic?"
"No, I'm Harry."
"Were you inoculated?"
"No, I was drafted."
"Got your appendix?"
"I haven't been issued one yet."
"My golly, man, don't you know the King's English?"
"The hell he is!"

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Medical Officer: "How is that patient who swallowed the half dollar?"
Nurse: "No change yet."

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"Now I'll illustrate what I have in mind," said the Ensign as he erased the blackboard.

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The boot was being interviewed by the psychiatrist.
"Young man," said the psychiatrist, "if you were in the woods and you saw a submarine coming at you, how old am I? Now, answer me quickly."
The boot pursed his lips thoughtfully for a moment; then said "44."
"Correct," said the psychiatrist, "Correct, but how did you know?"
"Well," the boot answered, "I've got a brother at home and he's 22, and he's only half crazy."

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Who was the man I saw you outwit last night?

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1st Wave: "Here comes the parade. Where's Alice?"
2nd Wave: "She's upstairs waving her hair."
1st Wave: "What's the matter, can't we afford a flag?"

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Jap soldiers may get new uniforms: shoot suits with retreat pleats and defeat seats.

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He: "Please!"
She: "No!"
He: "Just this once."
She: "No, I said."
He: "Aw heck, ma, the rest of the kids are going barefoot!"

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Vacationist: "Any big men born here?"
Native: "Nope, not very progressive around here, best we can do is babies. Different in the city, I s'pose."

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A drunk was seen staggering into a telephone pole, thereby losing his balance and falling to the ground. Slowly he rose to his feet and once more rushed into the same pole, knocking himself down again. Determinedly he brushed himself off and tried from another angle . . . to meet with the same results . . . whereupon he wailed despondently, "Shhhurrounded, surrounded by an impenetrable forest."

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"I once ran into a flock of geese while I was doing 70 miles an hour."
"I'll bet you were scared!"
"No, but I was covered with gooseflesh."

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE IT

(SEA).—That first suit of civvies you buy may be made from ex-GI cloth. The Army has just released 32,000,000 yards of cotton and wool cloth, including wool serge, flannel and twill. It will be sold as surplus.

ROUGHLY SPEAKING — By A. G. Santomauro

(Fly to the rancho and lock the door!
Who thinks Santana will ride no more?
Where the sharp hooves of his band will fall,
Dust from the desert will cover all.)

A. G. Santomauro, who served so expertly as cartoonist for the Santana when on Naval duty here, contributes once more for the anniversary issue. Santomauro, ex-Chief Pharmacist Mate, is cartooning professionally for magazine publications in Hollywood.

Patients Eligible to Enter $30,000 Design Contest

Navy personnel receiving medical treatment at the Long Beach Naval Hospital and other such hospitals in the Eleventh Naval District may compete in a special $30,000 model car design competition just announced by the officials of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild for hospitalized members of the armed services.

A grand national award of $1,000 in cash has been posted for the winner in the Navy division of this nation-wide competition. Besides this, a $200 first award, a $150 second award, a third award of $100, 10 awards of $25 each and 25 awards of $10 each are being offered in each Naval district.

Similar awards have been established for the Army Air, Ground and Service Forces, making 1,105 in all, totaling $30,550. Competition for Navy personnel will be conducted through the established Naval districts within the geographical limits of the 48 States and the District of Columbia.

The only prerequisite to entry in the competition, as announced by officials of the General Motors educational foundation, is that participants be hospitalized members of the armed services at the time they enroll. Discharge from the service or transfer to another hospital for further treatment will not affect their eligibility. The competition, which is open now, will be concluded April 1, 1946.

The project entrants will be required to build a solid model automobile embodying their own ideas of motor car design. This may be fashioned from balsa wood or other material with the simplest of tools. The only stipulation is that the models must be practical.

To achieve this end, competitors will be furnished with complete instructions detailing the steps to be taken and giving the wheelbase, the amount of head room, leg room and the seat width that should be allowed, the permissible overhang and other factors that must be taken into consideration by the professional automobile designer.

This literature, including graph paper which may be used to sketch plans for the model, will be supplied without charge by the Fisher Body Division of General Motors, sponsor of the Guild.

Patients interested in taking part in this competition may get full information and application blanks from the Occupational Therapy Officer, Lt. (jg) Bernice Smith, in the Rehabilitation Center.

New Outlet Urged For Surplus Items

(SEA).—Surplus Property Administrator Symington has recommended using wholesale dealers as outlets to facilitate the sale of surplus items to veterans. A costly alternative, he added, would be to set up special retail stores.

Under the plan proposed by Symington the veteran would pay the wholesaler a price normally charged a dealer. He would thus pay a little more than now.

Milk for Your Saucer

AULD LANG SYNE

The ice-skating enthusiasts surprised our former WR Representative, **"Gussy" Kingsley** and **Miss Walters** of Educational Services, with a party recently at which they were presented with silver initialed cigarette cases, gifts from a devoted "crew" of Waves.

Lt. (jg) Kingsley will reside at home in Granville, Michigan, and Lt. Walters plans to return to Los Angeles from her vacation (civilian word) in Battle Creek, Michigan, and teach physical education in a high school.

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The new WR Representative **Miss H. K. Moore,** hails from Newton, Kansas, and her last station was with the Great Lakes Naval Training Base. We welcome her to our hospital and promise to extend the same cooperation and courtesy given Lt. Kingsley and Lt. Walters.

Taking Miss Walters' place in Educational Services are Lts. (jg) **Mary Hall** and **Hilda Laub,** last stationed at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.

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To all the Waves who have departed from these portals, best wishes and the best of luck on your new adventures in civilian life and as a last word — suggestion for a plaque for the hospital entrance . . . **"Through these wards have passed some of the finest women in service."**

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COME IN AND SIT AWHILE

Our lounges have divulged a new light with the new soft biege carpets, blended furniture and drapes. Now all we need is a fireplace and hatrack to really call it "home."

And each cubicle has received a brand new rug so we will not chill our bare feet when we dash for muster. And speaking of dashing for muster, a new system will have to be devised or that patch between the "Keep off the grass" signs is going to take an awful beating.

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PHARMACISTS' MATES HIT PARADE

1. Saline, Saline, Over The Bounding Main!
2. Gall, or Nothing At All!
3. Moonlight or Neurosis!
4. On a Biceps Built For Two!
5. I'll Be Down To Get You In Epistaxis, Honey!
6. All The Tincture Are!
7. Alexander's Ragtime Gland!
8. Liver, Come Back To Me!
9. The Object of My Infection!
10. Tissue Is or Tissue Ain't My Baby!

Featured by: Paul Vitamin, Cab Calorie, Tommy Dorsal, his Thrombosis & Orchestra!

Farm Aid for Vets

Washington (CNS)—A plan to enable vets seeking to buy farms or make improvements on farms to borrow at 3 per cent interest, with a 40-year repayment period and a variable repayment arrangement, was proposed by the National Farmers Union.